The field formations have been alerted about this *modus operandi* and intelligence is being targetted against such smuggling and close co-ordination is being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling.

(d) Contraband gold, weighing approximately 336 kgs. and valued at Rs. 16.25 crores (provisional) has been seized by DRI, Customs and other agencies during January, 1992.

**Seizure of gold bars at Bombay**

855. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1.832 gold bars weighing 213.72 kilograms and valued at Rs. 10.57 crores were seized by air intelligence unit of the Bombay Customs on 14th January, 1992 from a Gulf Air flight;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the circumstances leading to the seizure; and

(c) what are the details of persons brought to book in connection therewith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) On 13[01|1992, the officers of Sahar Airport Customs, Bombay acting on information, intercepted one circular wheel like iron structure weighing 575 kgs. which had arrived from Sharjah by Gulf Air and was described as forged carbon blind steel flange in the Airway Bill for delivery to a party in Bangalore. Preliminary inquiries indicate that the import was under a fictitious name and address and have not thrown any light about the persons involved. The steel flange was cut and this resulted in recovery and seizure of 1832 gold bars weighing 213.72 kgs approximately and valued at Rs. 10.58 crores approximately.

**Disbursement targets for farmers fixed by NABARD in Orissa**

856. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development have been fixing a disbursement target for farmers in Orissa;

(b) if so, what were the targets and actual disbursement during the last three years;

(c) what are the details of rural development activities undertaken by the NABARD's Regional Office at Bhubaneshwar; and

(d) what are the details of State level! district level committee constituted for development of industries in rural aseas of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DAL-BIR SINGH): (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural development (NABARD): does not fix the target for disbursement by banks to the farmers for any State. However, the target and achievement of refinance provided by NABARD to the banks under the schematic lending, including non-farm activities, in the State of Orissa for the last three years were as under:—

(Rs. in Crores).

| Year (April-March) | Target | Achievement |
|---|---|---|
| 1988-89 * . . | 51·80 | 38·92 |
| 1989-90 . . . | 57·16 | 47·62 |
| 1990-91 . . . | 43·50 | 39·46 |

*pertains to the period July 1988 to March 1989)

(c) The Regional Office of NABARD at Bhubaneshwar sanctions the schemes for activities relating to agriculture and rural development and also releases the refinance to the eligible banks for the same. It has also prepared Potential Linked Credit plans (PLPS) for agriculture